



TRAVELING PARENTS SCREENING CONSISTENCY ACT

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Between inclement weather, delayed flights, and unscheduled maintenance, air travel can be a headache for anyone. Traveling with children can make the travel experience even more difficult - especially when parents need to bring supplies such as breast milk, formula, or juice in their carry-on luggage.

While formula, breast milk, and juice in quantities greater than 3.4 ounces have been permitted in carry-on luggage by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for years, enforcement of such screening procedures has been inconsistent, causing confusion and headaches for parents across the United States traveling with or without their children.

In order to provide parents with more certainty when traveling, in 2016 Congress enacted the *Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening (BABES) Act*. However, parents traveling with breast milk, baby formula, and nursing products still receive inconsistent treatment from TSA when going through airport security. Whether traveling through specific airports not following protocol or as a result of individual TSA Agents disregarding official procedures, parents across the nation are left confused, inconvenienced, and without the supplies their children depend upon.

A father of three, United States Congressman Van Taylor introduced the *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* to provide parents the certainty needed when traveling with critical supplies for their children. Congressman Taylor's legislation requires the Comptroller General to review TSA's implementation of current law as well as the effectiveness of the Agency in ensuring screening protocol clarity and screening consistency relating to the screening of formula and breast milk. Finally, the bill requires the Comptroller General to issue recommendations for improving TSA's overall screening practices for such products.

The *Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act* is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, and the March of Dimes.

